

NO AN OTCORON; NEVER MARRIED

Coroner Holds Letters of Suicide for Love.

MRS. STONEHAM GOES HOME

Mrs. Gray Buried With Only Two Mourners—No Flowers From Her Lover for Her Bier.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Without a flower or other token of regard from the man because of whom she killed herself, the body of Mrs. James W. Gray, the beautiful octoroon who fired a bullet into her brain in the Hotel Imperial on Saturday, has been placed in Kensico Cemetery.

Only two mourners followed the body to its last resting place, and they were casual friends of the woman.

Charles H. Maxwell, of the Standard Storage Warehouse, where she had furniture stored, arranged for her burial in accordance with the request made in a letter she left addressed to him. Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Minnie Grace Sanford, with whom Mrs. Gray lived at different times, attended the interment.

No Sign of Lover.

If Mrs. Gray sought to stir the feelings of her former admirer by killing herself, there was nothing at the funeral to show that she had succeeded. The love of which she wrote in her last letters remained unanswered, and no sign of recognition came from the man to whom the letters were addressed.

It was a pathetic spectacle, as the body of the woman was taken from an undertaking establishment in Amsterdam avenue yesterday morning, and placed on a train to be taken to the cemetery. Not a word was heard from her sister, nothing from the man who had been her admirer.

Stoneham Not at Home.

Whoever it was who was known to her as Charles R. Stoneham, of 44 Broadway, he failed to reveal himself yesterday. Mr. Stoneham himself did not appear at the funeral, and in his home in Jersey City it was said that he could not be seen.

He had denied on Saturday night that he knew the woman or had ever met her. Stoneham also said that he could not account for the fact that the love letters which she wrote before firing the bullet into her head were addressed to him.

Though Stoneham denied when confronted by the letters of the dead woman that he was the man to whom the letters were addressed, the mail, Edith French, and one of the waiters in the dining-room of the Hotel Imperial identified the original of a portrait of Stoneham.

Sure of the Man.

While the couple kept close to their room during their stay at the hotel, the attendants were sure that the original of the photograph was the man who registered as "J. W. Gray" at the hotel two weeks ago.

Stoneham was not at his home, 87 Clark street, Jersey city, all day yesterday. He left with a destroyed reputation in the morning, and had not returned late last night. Mrs. Stoneham left directly after her husband and went to the home of her mother. She had not returned when a reporter called at 11 o'clock last night.

Charles H. Stoneham's mother, at her home, identified the original of the portrait of Mr. Stoneham, but said she did not understand how it came into the possession of the dead woman, inasmuch as her son had denied that he ever knew Mrs. Gray.

No Octoroon and Unmarried.

Coroner Scholer said the woman, in his judgment, was not an octoroon, although persons in New Orleans, who say they knew her, say she was.

"She was never married," said the coroner. "From letters and from what she told Mr. Maxwell, I gather that her family name was Gray, and that she was a single woman. I do not know who J. W. Gray of Chicago is. The Lella Parker to whom she leaves her property, she describes as her former maid. She resided at no very far distance from New Orleans as a girl. About two years ago her brother, whose name was Gray, and who was in business in New Orleans, died, leaving her \$20,000. I gather that different men helped her spend this."

Played the Races.

"There are notes from a man who signs himself 'Charlie,' which show that they played the races continually, placing frequent bets on Sysonby, for example. There are notes from a man named Webb, warning her against 'Charlie.'"

Dr. Scholer said that he still has the letter which the woman left to be given to Charles A. Stoneham and will keep it until Stoneham calls for it.

Strange was the life of Mrs. Gray. The trace of negro blood in her veins was hardly discernible and she passed everywhere for a white woman. She was highly respected and had many persons knowing of her love affair with the man who called himself Stoneham in the Imperial Hotel, she was looked upon as a liberal guest, she was constantly tipping those who served her. She was quiet and reserved, and one of her last requests was that the maid who waited on her receive anything she desired to select from the things that Mrs. Gray left behind.

Mystery in Last Romance.

Just when the man because of whom she killed herself entered her life, has not been established, except that it is known that when he met her she was the widow of a wealthy Chicago broker and had plenty of money. From the tone of one of her last letters it seems possible that most of this money is gone.

The break between the couple probably came last Tuesday when Edith French heard that Mrs. Gray was in the room. The woman was weeping and sobbing. After that the man was not seen about the hotel. "The case of the woman who died in the hotel, and the woman who did not come entirely as a surprise to her friends, as they had remarked for some time that she was melancholy and in a desperate mood."

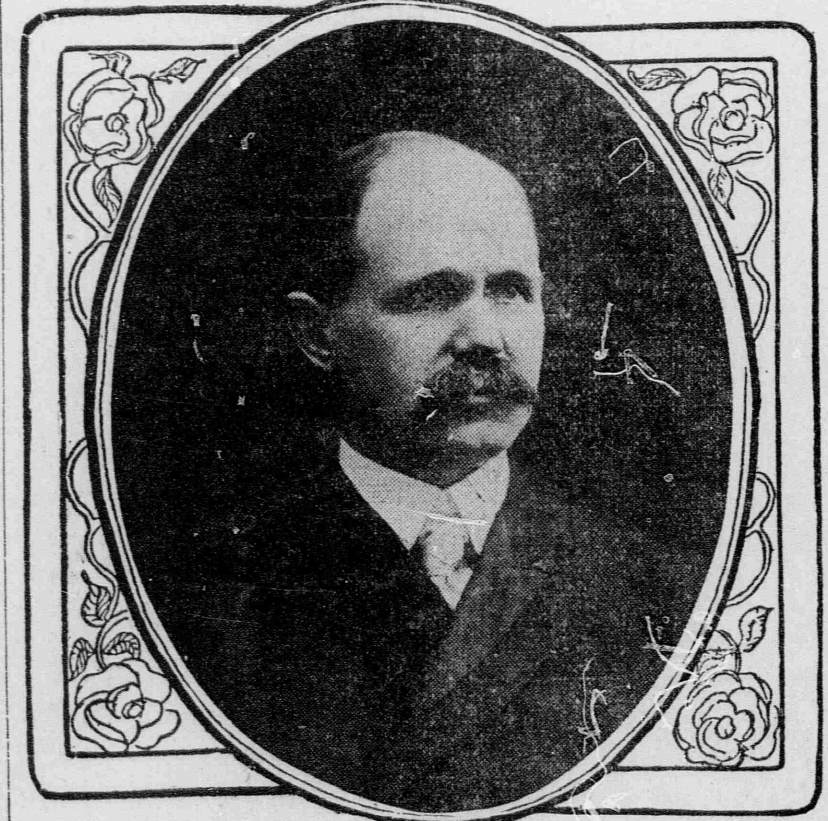
Her Administrator.

Mr. Maxwell, to whom the woman confided many things regarding her past life, said:

"I suppose I am the administrator of Mrs. Gray's property, as far as she could make me so. In conformity with the letter she left for me, I have re-

WASHINGTONIAN DIES WITH YELLOW FEVER

Robert R. West, Auditor of Panama Canal Commission, Succumbs to Malady on the Isthmus—Well-Known Worker in the Baptist Church.



Robert R. West, auditor of the Panama Canal Commission, died yesterday at Panama of yellow fever, after suffering but a short time with the dread disease of the tropics. William West, oldest son of the deceased, was with him during his illness, and will accompany the remains to Washington.

Mr. West has been a prominent resident of Washington for nearly twenty years, coming here from Lancaster, Ky. For six years he was the pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church, and then accepted a position as deputy auditor in the Treasury Department, giving up the pulpit on account of his health. About eighteen months ago he was transferred to the auditorship of the Government Printing Office. In January he was offered the position of auditor of the Canal Commission, and after some hesitation accepted the position.

Accompanied by Son.

He left here in February, accompanied by his son, William West, who was junior in George Washington University. About two weeks ago he showed symptoms of yellow fever, and last Thursday the Canal Commission here was officially informed that he had that malady.

tained the property she has stored here, which includes household furniture and some very good oil paintings. He expected to be empowered to take possession of what other property she left. I have the facts about Mrs. Gray in my hands and will publish them in a day or two.

Mrs. Stanford and Mrs. Maxwell will see that the wishes of Mrs. Gray are obeyed to the letter. Edith French will select what she wishes of Mrs. Gray's property, and her other belongings will be shipped to her sister, Mrs. Olivia Parker, at New Orleans.

Gems to Be Sold.

Mrs. Gray's jewels and other belongings will be turned over to the public administrator today. He will sell sufficient of the stones to pay the funeral expenses and other bills that may be presented, and will distribute the rest according to the directions left by her. According to Mrs. Gray said yesterday that when her box in a safety deposit vault is opened, it will be found to contain stocks and bonds worth a large sum. Mrs. Parker, however, is inclined to think that the wealth of the woman has been lost, and that she had plenty of money at one time she either lost or gave away most of it.

Led a Lively Life When in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, May 8.—Developments today in the local history of Mrs. W. Gray, who committed suicide in a New York hotel, were astonishing.

The Parker woman, who lives with colored people in a house on St. Andrew street, continues to assert that she is a full sister of Mrs. Gray.

She received a report from New York to the effect that a woman who called herself the mother of Mrs. Gray had appeared there and had claimed the property of the suicide. The Parker woman said the woman in New Orleans was highly respected and that her mother and Mrs. Gray's mother died in New Orleans ten years ago.

She received an attorney and will make a fight for the property left by Mrs. Gray.

A prominent young man who boarded with her at intervals, committed suicide. His wife was taken by a wealthy cotton broker, whom Mrs. Gray drove from the house one night. At this time she broke up a large part of the furniture.

Olivia Parker says she knew of the love affair between her sister and the man known as Stoneham. She refuses to say whether he has ever been here, but it was learned that there were times when Mrs. Gray was known here as Mrs. Stoneham. She was also known under the name of Olivia Michels. Her former neighbors here say she was under the influence of liquor almost every night.

FREDA LINDHEIM CHOSEN HEAD OF JUNIOR COUNCIL

Miss Freda Lindheim was elected president of the Junior Council of Jewish Women at their meeting yesterday afternoon, in the Jewish Temple. The other officers elected were: Miss Laura Goldsmith, recording secretary; Miss Laura Behrend, corresponding secretary; Julius Feyser, treasurer, and Lewis Greenbaum, auditor.

The newly elected president will appoint a committee to frame an amendment to the age limit clause in the present constitution, and to decide as to whether their organization will send a delegate to the triennial convention of Jewish Women Councils, to be held at Chicago in November.

PORTLAND READY FOR THE BIG FAIR

State and Exposition Structures Completed.

UNIQUE MISSION BUILDING

It Represents California Del Sur. Money Lavishly Expended. Works of Art.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—With more than three weeks remaining before opening day, June 1, most of the State buildings at the Lewis and Clark Exposition are completed. The buildings are conveniently located and of handsome design. Together with their exhibits, they represent an outlay of more than \$1,000,000.

State participation has been unusually liberal, considering that the exposition is being held far west of the Rocky mountains and follows so closely upon its predecessor at St. Louis. Middle West and Eastern States have appreciated the importance of the Lewis and Clark centennial as a means of bettering trade relations with the West and with the Orient. Consequently, in anticipation of the benefits that will accrue as a result of the enterprise, several of the States have appropriated large amounts for participation in the exposition.

In most instances the State exhibits are designed in the respective buildings, but a few of the States have been forced to take space in the exhibit palaces of the exposition. The displays are representative of the varied products and manufactured articles peculiar to the different States. Exhibits from educational institutions and from the State governments are shown to advantage.

California Mission Building.

Probably the most interesting of any of the State buildings is that of California. It is designed in the style of the Franciscan Missions, around which is clustered so much of historical significance. The structure is planned in the form of a Greek cross. The facade of each wing is one of the old missions, for which the State is renowned. Each has its own historical significance.

El Carmine, which occupies a commanding site in the valley of the same name, is a reproduction of the mission of the same name, which was founded in the sixteenth century, is reproduced. In another wing is a replica of the Padua Mission. San Luis Rey, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, this morning, and it was decided that the body would not be brought home at the present time. Colonel Gorkas, chief sanitary officer of the canal zone, cabled today that arrangements could be made to ship the body to New York on the steamer Alliance leaving Panama next Tuesday.

He said that the body could be embalmed there, and no danger caused by its shipment.

Governor Davis cabled today that he would start home on Tuesday.

Washington's building, which adjoins that of California, is an imposing edifice of classical design. It occupies a commanding site overlooking Lakeview Terrace, the Grand Esplanade, the Trail and Centennial Park structures, and the latter followed in the design of the building.

Group of State Buildings.

Within a few hundred yards of the Palace of Manufactures, Liberal Arts and Varied Industries and the Agriculture and Horticulture building, is located a group of four structures. Occupying the most desirable site on the Exposition grounds is the structure erected for the State of New York. In design the building is of the Italian Renaissance. On each end of the structure rise Ionic porticoes. The facades are featured with large windows, inclosed by ornate cast casings. Broad sloping roof, broken by large dormer windows, makes the structure unique in appearance. Access to the interior is gained through a vestibule of deep recess. A brick terrace extends in front of the building. The displays contained in the structure are representative of the great agricultural products of Idaho.

The Illinois and Utah buildings are located near the Idaho structure and are very picturesque. The former is a reproduction of Abraham Lincoln's home at Springfield, the only real estate he ever owned.

The Missouri building is on Congress Plaza, facing the Palace of Manufactures, Liberal Arts and Varied Industries. The structure is of Corinthian architecture.

Massachusetts in its building offers a replica of the famous Bullfinch front of the State House on Beacon Hill, Boston. A structure of Colonial design has been erected by Oregon. Six imposing Ionic columns feature the longitudinal facade of this building.

Progress with the construction of these buildings has been remarkable. Three weeks before opening day all of the State buildings will be in a condition to receive visitors.

Don't Use Poor Oil.

For use on sewing machines, bicycles and all purposes requiring a fine lubricant the best is cheapest in the end. Genuine Singer oil can only be obtained at Singer stores. Look for the red S. 176 14th st. n.w., 610 Pennsylvania ave. se., Washington, D. C. 525 King st., Alexandria, Va.

MAN FINDS PEARL IN THIRTY-CENT ORDER

SCRANTON, Pa., May 8.—David Biggs had oysters on the half shell in a restaurant, and in one of them found a handsome pearl.

Paying his bill (39 cents), he took the pearl to a jeweler, who estimated it to be worth between \$20 and \$30.

Children's Sailor Suits

Value from \$5 to \$7.50, \$2.95

Made up in blue, brown and red serges and fancy mixtures; collars trimmed with silk; emblem on sleeve and shield; sizes 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10; special reduction for Tuesday to

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Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street

NO VACANT CELLS IN "BANKERS' ROW"

Cashier Spear, of the Oberlin Bank, the Latest Comer at the Ohio Penitentiary—No Room for Him in the Usual Quarters.

COLUMBUS, May 8.—"Bankers' Row"

is a tier of cells of the better kind in the Ohio Penitentiary, where it is the custom to place convicted bankers, bookkeepers, etc., is full for the first time.

When the three officials of the Elyria Bank, which was looted by them, came down two weeks ago all the available space in that quarter was taken, so that when Cashier A. B. Spear, of the Oberlin National Bank, which was wrecked by Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick's operations, was brought in last week to begin his sentence he had to be placed in another quarter of the prison.

Spear Shut Out.

Not only was Spear shut out of "Bankers' Row," but he came near losing clerical work, to which it is the custom to assign convicts who, like him, have experience in handling books. There was no such work to be

done, and for several days he remained in the idle house.

Then Warden Gould remembered that he had held a clerkship in the transfer department for Banker Hubert, of Cambridge, who had just been given a new trial, and Spear was assigned to that place.

For Convenience.

Warden Gould explains that the bankers are not kept by themselves because any better or different treatment is accorded to them, but for convenience in taking them to and from their work. Prisoners in the same shops and same general line of work are usually kept together.

Some of the cells in "Bankers' Row" are fitted up luxuriously, but it is done by the occupants and at their expense. The same privilege is extended to all prisoners.

At the opening of this year there were eighteen Ohio bankers under indictment.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 8.—The

work of erecting the new bank building for the Citizens' National Bank, at King and St. Asaph streets, is progressing rapidly. The front wall is nearly completed and the back and side walls are over half finished. The building is a handsome stone structure, with a front and when finished will be one of the finest buildings for banking purposes in this section of the country. It is expected that it will be occupied by the Citizens' Bank about August 1.

LEWIS BETTIS' FUNERAL.

The funeral of little Lewis Bettis will take place from St. Mary's Catholic Church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. Father H. J. Cutler will officiate at the funeral services and the interment will be made in St. Mary's Cemetery. The pallbearers will be six little playmates of the lad.

HIS FINGER CRUSHED.

James Zimmerman, of this city, met with a painful accident yesterday, at the corner of Prince and Royal streets. Mr. Zimmerman was in the act of coupling two electric cars when his hand slipped between the bumpers and one of his fingers was badly mashed. He was attended by Dr. Gorman.

EAGLES GO TO WASHINGTON.

A number of members of the Alexandria Aerie of Eagles, went to Washington last evening to witness the memorial services of that order held at the Columbia Theater.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED.

At the First Baptist Church yesterday the Rev. Dr. W. E. Fisher was installed as pastor of that church. Dr. Fisher preached an interesting sermon at all the services.

THE REV. W. H. JOHNSON, colored, baptized a number of colored persons in the bath near the shipyard yesterday morning.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, will hold a meeting at Lee Camp Hall, in Prince street, tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

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Mr. Bowen declined to say anything regarding the controversy between himself and Secretary Loomis. He expected to go to Washington at once, but learning that the President was still in the West, said he would not go until tomorrow.

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MANY CORDS OF WOOD DESTROYED BY FIRE

Worst Forest Conflagration That Plymouth, Mass., Has Witnessed for Years.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., May 8.—The worst forest fire this locality has seen for years is burning and thousands of cords of wood have been destroyed. Residents of Carver, Plympton, Kingston, and Plymouth have been fighting the flames since Friday noon, and they are still at work.

The worst damage has been done in the Smelt pond district, where there was a fine growth of white pine ready to be cut to saw into boards at Rocky Nook.

The line of fire is estimated from seven to nine miles long, and varying in width from one to three miles. The only thing that can thoroughly extinguish it is a good rain.

PROTESTING BODY LARGE.

Mr. Carmody and Allen Mallory united in stating their belief that the delegation which goes to Upper Marlboro tomorrow will be the largest committee of protest that has ever had occasion to go in a body to the county seat. The party will meet at Chesapeake Junction at 9 o'clock tomorrow, and go to Marlboro on the train which leaves at that time.

Referring to the intention to institute criminal proceedings without delay, the interested officers of Prince George county declare that they are getting evidence of violations of the law every day, and that they promise to push their cases to the utmost of their ability. Several lawyers, members of the citizens' association, and residents of Prince George county are pledged to lend their aid to the prosecutions.

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BRAVE NEW JAIL READY FOR THEM

Carmody's Pointed Reference to Poolroom Backers.

BIG COMMITTEE OF PROTEST

Will Go to County Seat and Lay Objections Before the Authorities There.

"We have a brand new jail out at Marlboro, you know, and it looks to me as though some of the poolroom backers and operatives will be occupying it before long."

With this sentiment, President Francis S. Carmody, of the Prince George County and Eastern District of Columbia Citizens' Association, this morning voiced the determination of residents of the Maryland border to prosecute to the full extent of the law the men who, they declare, are daily violating the stringent Maryland statutes by selling pools on the races at the new Kenilworth poolroom. It is the intention, Mr. Carmody declared, not only to abolish the poolroom for all time, but also to institute criminal proceedings against those responsible for its being.

Committee to Meet.

The committee of fifteen, appointed at Saturday night's meeting of the association to carry the matter before the executive officers of the county, will hold a meeting this evening at the residence of Allen Mallory, near Kenilworth, in Prince George county, to perfect their plans.

On Tuesday morning the committee, accompanied by an imposing delegation of citizens, will go to Upper Marlboro, and lay their objections before the authorities. Sheriff Middleton and State's Attorney Magruder take up the cudgels of war without delay.

Citizens Are Aroused.

Continuing his explanation of the present status of the case, this morning, President Carmody, who also chairs the committee of the citizens' association, declared that he had never seen residents of Prince George county so thoroughly aroused.

"I spent all of yesterday in touring the county in an automobile," said Mr. Carmody, "and everywhere I heard expressions of the strongest and against the resort so recently opened at Kenilworth. Many men were so greatly excited at what they termed the 'impudence' of the poolroom operators that they declared themselves willing to take the law into their own hands, and, if not act promptly, they would organize a band, and march down or burn the objectionable place."

"I succeeded in getting two of the most prominent citizens of the county to go to Marlboro today, and see the authorities," continued Mr. Carmody, "and they will report the result of their interviews at the meeting of the committee tonight."

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